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FUNDS FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to improve tourist spots in Chengleput district and other districts in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of the foreign and Indian tourist arrivals in Tamil Nadu during the last five years, year-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated to improve tourism industry in Tamil Nadu during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Development and promotion of tourist spots/places is the responsibility of the State Government of Tamil Nadu. However, Central Department of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritised every year in consultation with them. During 1998-99, Rs.15.00 lakhs were sanctioned for Setting up of Adventure Water Sports Centre at Kulaval Lakein Chengleput. During 2001-2002, no project proposal has been prioritised for improvement of tourist spots in Chengleput.

(b) The information is given as under:

Arrival of tourists

Year	Domestic	Foreign
1996	18207666	613982
1997	18975881	636640
1998	20452971	636430
1999	21079141	722442
2000	22981882	786165

(c) 30 project proposals for Rs.519.00 lakhs have been prioritised in consultation with the State Government of Tamil Nadu for grant of central financial assistance during the current financial year.